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From 4 to 8 May 1953, no training activity was observed in the Panzerjaeger Kaserne, Spremberg, except for 120 Soviet soldiers, who engaged in physical training on 6 May. At about 6 p.m. on 8 May, 6 trucks carrying equipment and escorted by about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward Cottbus.

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expressed the belief that the column was part of the rear detail which started leaving the installation. On 8 May, learned that the troops transferred to a new installation near Cottbus. Local residents stated that about 500 KVP personnel would be transferred to the Panzerjaeger Kaserne. An advance detail of KVP arrived on 8 May. On 10 May, a KVP sentry wearing blue epaulets was seen at the barracks gate. On 12 May, a fatigue detail of about 60 VP was observed in the installation. Two local residents stated that one barracks building was still occupied by Soviet soldiers on 12 May. On 15 May, a column of about 10 sedans and 50 trucks was standing in the barracks area. The large vehicle shed on the northeast side of the installation was occupied to capacity by trucks. On 16 May, saw six trucks, loaded with billeting equipment and escorted by 24 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 18 May, learned that a new shipment of KVP had arrived during the preseding night. The occupation of the installation was estimated at about 1,000 KVP personnel. Eight trucks,

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were being loaded with billeting equipment and furniture in front of the officers' billets on 18 May. On 20 May, intensive activity, as was usually observed in connection with a new occupation, was noticed in the barracks area. Billeting equipment was being transported and cleaning details were observed. On 23 May, stated that the occupation of the installation would be increased to 1,700 KVP and that a tank unit would move into the installation.

Comment. The arrival at the installation of KVP units was repeatedly confirmed. the units belonged to a newly activated tank regiment of the KVP which previously was assigned to the cadre unit in Gera. No indication is available for a transfer to Cottbus of the rear detail of the Soviet 30th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Mecc Div.

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